

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of: ) Examiner: Kathryn L. Assadi  
Inventor: W. Stan Wilson )  
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For: CATHETER ASSEMBLY AND )  
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Washington, D.C. 20231

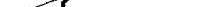
Sir:

Please cancel without prejudice claims 1-9. Claim 10 remains pending.

Consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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